

THE LADIES' GUILD OF ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Edmund's church met Tuesday, January 25th, with Mrs. J. M. Murdock, at Murdock. Mr. Murdock had most generously provided transportation with private car for the entire party, and the trip was most enjoyable. When the guests arrived at Murdock they were met by Mr. and Mrs. Murdock, who had automobiles awaiting them. On their arrival at the beautiful home of the host and hostess they were met at the entrance by Mrs. C. T. Boyd, who directed them to the living room, where they were received by Mrs. A. C. Williams, and she sent them to the guest rooms, where they found Mrs. Howard Grosvenor, who assisted the ladies in removing their wraps and otherwise looking out for their comfort. Then all assembled on the lower floor, some in the spacious living room, and others on the broad veranda, as the weather was so warm that it was very comfortable outside. It was an ideal Florida day, and in strong contrast to other places at this date. In a very few minutes all were busily at work. It was not long, however, before the hostess summoned all to dinner. Tables, beautifully decorated with nasturtiums and roses, were spread in the dining room, breakfast room and on the back porch, and were loaded with good things to eat. The guests, of whom there were six, dined, did full justice to the bountiful repast, which consisted of chicken, tomato salad, chicken sweet potatoes, young onions and radishes from their own gardens, pickles, rolls, delicious preserves, several kinds of pie and cake, and coffee.

After dinner was over all returned to their work, and it sounded as if there were many lives of busy bees. While engaged on this work, those present were most delighted in entertained by Miss Hazel King, who sang a number of beautiful solos, accompanied by Miss Mathis, who always is such a delightful entertainer with her artistic work at the piano and pipe organ. Mrs. A. D. West, who has recently come to Arcadia from Kansas City, Mo., gave some fine selections on the piano, and Mrs. Howard Grosvenor also entertained at the piano.

Although the regular business meeting is the first meeting of each month, as this was the first meeting of the year, a short business session was held. The members were called to order by the president, Mrs. G. U. Holcomb, and the meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. F. A. Shore. Roll call followed, then the reading of the minutes by the retiring secretary, Mrs. A. F. Odlin, and the final report of the retiring treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Anschutz.

It was voted to transfer \$460 from the Guild fund to the "new church" fund, and this fund has now \$886.14 to its credit.

Mrs. A. D. West, Howard Grosvenor, W. W. Duke, Grant Orr, W. H. Stanage, E. R. Reed and Miss Elizabeth Porter were received as new members at this meeting, and received a most cordial welcome from the other members.

The meeting also partook of the nature of a celebration of the first birthday anniversary of Miss Modesta Murdock, the charming little daughter of the host and hostess, and at the suggestion of the Rev. Mr. Shore, a memorial gift from those present was tendered the little lady, which was turned over to the "new church" fund, and will be used in a special way in remembrance of her first birthday. Afterwards all inscribed their names in the birthday book, and Miss Modesta can later read and be told of the fine day held at her home.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mr. and Mrs. Murdock for the hospitality they had extended to the Guild and other guests, and for all the pleasure enjoyed, and this was most enthusiastically given.

In addition to the regular members of the Guild the following were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Murdock: Mesdames George Metzger, Gardner; H. B. Wells, Griffin, Ga.; Hattie Cole, Atlanta, Ga.; J. W. Payne, Brewster, Fla.; A. D. West, Kansas City, Mo.; A. C. Williams, C. T. Boyd, Howard Grosvenor, Murdock, Fla.; W. E. Leitner, J. W. Yates, P. T. Richards, S. M. Fitch, W. M. Platt, L. L. Morgan, C. L. Cravens, Arcadia; Grant Orr, Owens; W. H. Stanage, Cincinnati, Ohio; Miss Elizabeth Porter, Owens, and Miss Bess Damon, Tallahassee; Messrs. A. C. Williams, C. T. Boyd, Murdock; Judge A. F. Odlin, J. Garfield King, J. S. Floyd, J. W. Yates, Rev. F. A. Shore, Arcadia, and Frank Smith, Bunker.

Before going to the train for the return trip, Mr. Murdock had the entire party taken over to the place where the dredges were at work on

the drainage canals, and all found this most interesting. A most marvelous change has been made by this drainage work in the reclamation of the land in this part of Florida, and Mr. Murdock has proved what can be done for cultivation by means of drainage, and he has much of what has been finished under cultivation. It certainly was a most instructive lesson that was learned through seeing the dredges at work.

As the party left Murdock in their special car three cheers were given with hearty good will for Mr. and Mrs. Murdock, for the good time they had given all, and it was a day long to be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to partake of the hospitality of the genial host and hostess.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. F. S. Markett, Tuesday, February 1st, 1916.

RESOLUTIONS 4 AND 5.

The action of the State Executive Committee continues to be the one topic of discussion throughout the state of Florida. In order that our readers may have the benefit of some of these discussions, we give on this page the views of Governor Trammell, also an article from the Pensacola Journal, one from the St. Augustine Meteor, and one from Dixie.

The words of Governor Trammell endorse practically everything that was said in a recent editorial in this paper.

The Pensacola Journal is very mild in its expressions, and does not believe that the resolutions were aimed at the Masons, Odd Fellows, Woodmen and others, but upon the other hand, thinks that the sole purpose of the resolutions were to require a man to support the nominees of the party.

If the Journal's contentions are true then why did the committee go any further than the third resolution, which reads, "That he intends in good faith to support and vote at the next general election for all candidates, national, state and county, nominated by the democratic party." If the resolutions went no further we would not have them. We have never believed it to be honorable to participate in a primary and then refuse to be governed by the majority vote in the primary. The Executive Committee should have stopped after passing Resolution No. 3.

In order that our position may be clearly defined, we desire to say that we have no sympathy with the candidacy of the Rev. Sidney J. Catts for governor, nor are we a member of any secret order that undertakes to influence political action.

Rev. Catts is said to be a Baptist minister, and we have been a deacon in this church for nearly thirty years, but we will not vote for Mr. Catts in the primary. We do, however, agree to vote for him in the general election in case he receives the democratic nomination. Will Dixie do the same, provided Mr. Catts is so fortunate to get his name on the ballot and secure the nomination? We go yet a step further. Should the Executive Committee rescind Nos. 4 and 5 of these resolutions, and then pass a resolution that no candidate's name shall be placed on the ballot unless he agrees to support the nominee, we'll support most heartily this resolution. If you are working for the good of the party, gentlemen, what more can you ask?

We have no objection whatever to members of the democratic party's being required to agree to support the nominee; the fact is, we have always felt ourselves honorably bound to do so, but if there were two citizens who were candidates, equal in ability and in all other qualifications, one a Methodist and the other a Baptist and member and supporter of our local church, we would reserve the right to vote for such person in the primary if we wished to do so. Even this right is denied by Resolution Four, if the language has any meaning. The resolution reads:

"That he will not be influenced in voting for or against any candidate by any religious test or on account of religious belief, denomination or sect with which the candidate is affiliated."

You have gone a little too far, gentlemen, and it will be infinitely better that you meet the issue squarely. Call a meeting and rescind Nos. 4 and 5 of the resolutions, and all will be well, but refuse to do this and you will find that either the party will become completely disrupted, or there will be a positive refusal upon the part of the democrats of the state to abide by your rulings. This is always to be regretted, since to lose respect for the law in one instance opens the way soon for a total disregard of law, either party or statute. You will honor yourselves by calling a meeting at once for the purpose of reconsidering your action. If you really have the party's interests at stake you will do this.

BAD TEMPER.

In an eastern divorce case the judge said:

"There has been a bad exhibition of temper on both sides. Unless the temper is curbed, evil will come to both of you. It is a thing that from a small beginning reaches quickly to a bad ending."

No truer words were ever spoken than these. A "high temper" is a handicap to any person. It breaks forth at unexpected moments, and deprives the possessor of that cool, deliberative power and good judgment that he would possess if it were not for his loss of temper. It causes him to do things, to say things, that he would not dream of doing or saying were it not for his "high temper." It is "high temper" that causes one to commit murder and call it an act done in the heat of passion. It is a dangerous habit that grows on one if not curbed. It makes life unpleasant to those around you and yourself. It also has a bad effect on the health, which is abundantly supported by medical authority.

If you have any tendency in this direction try for a while to curb your temper, and notice how much better everything goes on around you. Don't glory in it and call it spirit. You have often heard people say that if you have no temper you do not amount to much. This is true, perhaps, but you should have the temper under control. It is not the temper that hurts you, but the lack of control. Some people are born with a natural inclination towards a high temper. It is harder for them to control than the one born without much temper. But a little effort and will power will make a marked change in you and your capacity to deal pleasantly with your fellows. This capacity makes for success.

Hon. F. A. Whitney, judge of the tenth judicial circuit, has announced that he will not be a candidate for reelection to that office, despite the pressure brought to bear by friends, although having wavered between his own inclinations and his appreciation for the popular friendship expressed by those interested in his behalf. Judge Whitney has presided with dignity and dispatch, and the affairs of the state and the various counties in the circuit have been faithfully administered by him, and there will be sincere regret over his final decision. —Fort Myers Press.

DEATH OF MRS. A. C. CRUM.

Beloved Lady Is Laid to Rest in Homeland Cemetery.

Mrs. Ann C. Crum, widow of the lamented J. B. Crum, died Friday night about 8 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mitchell, in Homeland, where she had lived since the death of her husband several years ago. The funeral exercises took place Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church in Homeland, and were conducted by Rev. J. T. Mitchell, pastor of the Methodist church, and a grandson of Mrs. Crum. Not more than one-half of those attending the exercises could get into the church so large was the crowd. The floral tributes were numerous and exceptionally pretty.

The maiden name of Mrs. Crum was Miss Ann C. Phelps, and she was born in Sumter county in 1827, so she was 89 years old at the time of her death. She has one brother who is still living, who is 95 years old. She is survived by eight children and one hundred and twenty grand and great-grandchildren. There were eighty of these present at the funeral, and it was an impressive scene when the minister asked all those who wanted to lead such lives as would insure them meeting their grandmother in heaven to come forward and give him their hand, the whole number marched forward.

Mr. Mitchell recounted many interesting historical facts which took place during the life of Mrs. Crum, among them being the entrance of Florida into the Union, and the building of the first sixteen miles of railroad, which Mrs. Crum witnessed, and many other similar incidents of which he had often heard her speak.

Mrs. Crum was a devoted member of the Methodist church, and was the last charter member of the original organization of the Methodist church at Homeland. She was one of the sweetest characters who ever lived in the county, and her influence was a benediction to the entire community. She was taken sick about a week ago with something like grippe, but it is not thought that this produced her death, but rather that her death was the result of a giving away of all her physical powers. Two days before she died with her face beaming she spoke to those around her and said, "Everything is so beautiful, I seem to see things as I never saw them before. Your faces were never so sweet, the orange tree out the window there

score for Bartow, 41.

Boys:—
Higginbotham, 29 points.
Mer Mills, 88 points.
George Stonebraker, 4 points.
Est Moyer, 6 points.
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1 score for Arcadia, 47 points.
Boys:—
Fillman, 6 points.
Banderdoes, 3 points.
Roy, 7 points.
Jones, 2 points.
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1 score for Bartow, 18 points.
Saturday the D. H. S. will play Fort Myers, and as they are the only team which has defeated Arcadia boys, it is expected the game will be a battle royal the start to the finish.

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Eunice and Irma Altman, Lora Mae and Birt Whidden, Jessie and Elsie Coker, Anna Lee Scarborough, Vida Mercer, Lucy Coker. They played many different games and went goat driving for amusement. At 12 o'clock dinner was served, consisting of pies, cakes, roast chicken, salad, all kinds of bread and meats, etc. The table was beautifully decorated with white, pink, red and yellow roses, which the little girls had brought. She received many little cards and other presents in honor of her birthday. Those present besides the little folks were: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wade, of Sweetwater, Mrs. Manrie Reden, of Sweetwater, Mrs. D. J. Coker, of Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Whidden, of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Altman, of Sweetwater, Henry Wilcox, of Wauchula, B. L. Coker and family, of Altman, Miss Lella Mercer, of Sweetwater, Miss Stella Coker, Finas Mack, Carl and Dick Lee, of Sweetwater, Miss Lillian Whidden, of Sweetwater, Miss Bessie Lanier, of Altman, Mr. J. C. Coker, of Gardner, Miss Mae Scarborough, of Sweetwater, Mr. Elbert Scarborough, of Sweetwater, Mr. C. A. Goolsby, of Wauchula, Mr. Rich, of Moffitt, Frank Williams and Luke Waldron, of Crewsville. All enjoyed fish and candy pulling that night.

Church was attended Sunday at the Baptist church by a large congregation. Rev. N. E. Norwood preached an excellent sermon.

Mr. Tom McDougald and Mr. Harvey, both of Mississippi, are visiting relatives here, and will spend the winter in Florida.

Mr. John H. Coker is catching some fine trout lately, last week catching some weighing 15 pounds, 12 pounds, 11 pounds and on down.

Mr. John Mercer and son passed through Sweetwater Monday en route to Buchanan.

Mr. Hugh Rogers has been grinding cane.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whidden made a business trip to Fish Branch section last week.

PALMDALE.

Mr. J. C. Dazey, of Arcadia, has been in Palmdale the past week busy looking after the interests of the Palmdale Land Company.

L. Ross made two trips to Fort Myers last week for the Palmdale Land Company.

The following guest sare registered at the Palmdale: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barg, Moline, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Flaugh, Pagosa Springs, Col.; John E. Cotton, Fort Myers; W. E. Holland, Hagerstown, Md.; and G. B. Smith, Hagerstown, Md.

On January 14th at 3 p. m. occurred the marriage of Mrs. Ida Lee Newton and Leonard C. Kammer, both of Lakeport. The ceremony was performed in the parlors of the hotel, Mrs. H. L. DeLaney, notary public, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Kammer left at once for their home in Lakeport, where Mrs. Kammer is the efficient postmistress.

W. B. Muff made a business trip to Fort Myers last Tuesday, returning Friday.

Mrs. G. L. Brown, who has been teaching our school for the past three months, resigned on account of ill health, and she and Mr. Brown departed Saturday for Punta Gorda. The patrons of the school regret very much that Mrs. Brown was unable to finish the school term, as the children were all doing good work.

Rev. Neil McQuarrie, of Stuart, arrived in Palmdale Friday and will hold a series of meetings, which we hope will be well attended, as Rev.

Mr. McQuarrie has put himself to a good deal of trouble and expense to be with us again.

Miss Dolph Tibbitts, of Fort Myers, came up with Mr. Ross Friday to spend a few days visiting her friend, Miss Nettie Beutke.

Clifford Bullard departed Saturday for Fort Myers to be with his father, S. Peregrine autoed to LaBelle Sunday to attend the Presbyterian Sunday school and church.

Mrs. L. Ross received a telegram Monday containing the sad news of the death of her mother in Hot Springs, S. D.

H. L. DeLaney and family, accompanied by Amos McNamee, autoed to Lakeport Sunday visiting at the home of their friends, F. C. Ready and family. They were agreeably surprised at the amount of progress made at Lakeport under the able management of Mr. Ready.

Your northern readers can sit by their fires and shiver and freeze, but don't you wish you had made up your minds in the early fall and come down into this sunny and equable climate?

INTERESTING ARTICLES WRITTEN.

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which is the royal road to better and more productive farming.

Most every man believes in supremacy, and if he does he should add his stock to the exhibits at the DeSoto County Fair held at Arcadia January 26th, 27th and 28th. Then if he should take first or second prize, he should send them to Tampa to the great South Florida Fair in February, to make publicity for your county, make money for you. So let all boost the DeSoto County Fair at Arcadia January 26th, 27th and 28th. Then every citizen of the county would naturally be interested in the county site, which is Arcadia.

When people from the rural districts and from other towns and cities visit us, we want to do everything possible for their comfort and convenience. A great loss of time, as well as causing worry of a large majority of the people is caused by having to hunt out their particular road, on which they travel. This confusion could only be avoided by a union depot.

Every town of any importance which has two railroads has a union depot, and to be true to our slogan we must have a union station for our three railroads.

Arcadia is fast becoming a railroad center, and she deserves a union station. We have the passenger train daily passing through our city, besides the great number of freight trains that carry out the exports of our citrus fruit exchanges, our truck farms, and distributes the thousands of cattle sent from here to northern markets every year.

Arcadia is the citrus center of Florida, consequently a great deal of business is carried on here, and with three such progressive railways as the A. C. L., C. H. & N., and the Eastern and West Coast, there is no logical reason why we should not have a union station.

The city council has ordered the city attorney, George Leitner, to take up the matter, and we are all sure that we shall have a union station at an early date.

It is self-evident that Arcadia DeSoto county have numerous enterprises, but as the old saying "There's always room for one more."

MARSHALL DANCY,
Chairman New Enterprise Committee.
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